Comments in Response to Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking MB Docket No. 04-233

I submit the following comments in response to the Localism Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (the "NPRM"), released January 24, 2008, in MB Docket No. 04-233.

As an avid listener of Christian Radio, I object to the proposed changes that include reporting to an outside advisory board. On a personal level, I appreciate the message that I receive from Christian radio stations and feel that an outside advisory board would put too many restrictions on that message. The possibility of non-Christians being part of this board is a frightening thought to me. There are many non-Christians that would ban any discussion of God, in any setting, not just over the air waves. I have seen a trend in this country to eliminate Christian themes from any public display. How much longer before our Bibles and churches are taken from us as well?

I also feel that Christian radio is a valuable tool for parents as an alternative to the secular stations that air so much violence, crude language and inappropriate topics. The youth of this country need to have a choice of clean radio that does not include those things. Christian radio should not be required to open their airwaves to any and all with an opinion. We get enough of that from TV and secular stations.

Christian radio needs to be completely separate from government control. FCC has allowed people such as Rush Limbaugh and Howard Stern their platform and I believe that we should have the same ability. The station I listen to is completely listener supported and we support because we love what we hear.

There are two other issues that I would like to address: The two-tiered renewal system and the requirement to staff all stations all the time. These issues will cause a financial burden on stations that are listener supported and depend on their listening public to help pay the bills. Some of these stations are already struggling to pay the bills and this will create more problems.

I feel that the proposed changes and restrictions are another sign that non-Christians are trying to stifle the message these stations are presenting. As a committed Christian, I would be sorely disappointed to lose my station.

Please do all that you can to prevent this from happening. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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